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Honorable Lester L. Wolff, Chairman
Select Committee on Narcotics
Abuse and Control
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Set forth in the enclosure are the responses to your letter of October 15th, as well as the one from Mr. Flott, the Select Committee's Counselor for International Affairs, of the same date. I am pleased to have this opportunity to provide you and your colleagues with additional details of the Agency's role in support of our government's efforts to stem the flow of illicit narcotics from abroad. I trust you will understand that my answers to the questions in both letters must be treated as classified information, and I am therefore making a single response and sending it to you via Mr. Flott in accord with your suggestion.

Mr. Chairman, if you or other members of the Committee have any further questions I will be pleased to arrange for another executive session to respond in the fullest detail possible.

Sincerely,

[Signature] George Bush

George Bush

Enclosure

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RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS POSED IN LETTERS
FROM CHAIRMAN LESTER L. WOLFF AND
MR. FRED FLOTT

I. Responses to the questions in the letter from Chairman Wolff:

A. From the hearings:

1. The Agency is providing (and has provided) considerable foreign intelligence and related support to DEA, Bureau of Customs and other agencies to improve their collection, processing, storage and recovery practices. There is a regular flow of information reports to all these agencies which is supplemented by almost daily discussions between Agency and counterpart officers in these other agencies. These exchanges take place both in the Washington area and in our Missions overseas. I believe the transmittal of skills, as your letter suggested, is being carried out by these exchanges.

There are practical limitations, however, as to how far such a transmittal can be carried out in view of the fact that the DEA and Bureau of Customs are domestic enforcement agencies. I do not believe it would be appropriate for officers of this Agency to directly train DEA or Customs officers in the techniques of foreign intelligence operations and related skills. The Department of Justice has ruled that Agency involvement in training of DEA officers should be limited to discussion or briefings of its role in the government's international narcotics control programs for their better understanding of what we do, and what we can and cannot do to support them.

2. With regard to the second question as to whether the Agency might supply more foreign narcotics-related intelligence to policy makers, I believe the answer is yes, but with conditions. These conditions are the practical realities of available resources (human and material) which must be allocated to meet all the information requirements levied on the Agency.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Legislative Counsel

VIA: ~~Acting~~ Deputy Director for Operations

FROM:

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Chief, Plans and Coordination Staff,
Narcotics Control

SUBJECT: DCI Response to Letters from the
House Select Committee on Narcotics
Abuse and Control

Attached is a letter which responds to the questions raised in the letters of 15 October 1976 to the Director from Congressman Lester L. Wolff, Chairman of the House Select Committee, and the Select Committee's Counselor for International Affairs, Mr. Frederick W. Flott. The letter has been coordinated with the Associate Deputy Director for Intelligence.

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